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1. WASHINGTON AND BRASILIA MAY FIND INFORMATION WHICH
FOLLOWS HELPFUL IN RESPONDING TO COMPLAINT BY ISAC 21
MEMBER STANTON RE BRAZILIAN IMPORT QUOTAS ON X-RAY FILM
(SEE TEXT REFTTEL):

2. FILM FOR RADIOGRAPHY CAN FALL WITHIN EITHER BTN
CHAPTER 37.01 OR CHAPTER 37.02, DEPENDING ON WHETHER IT
IS "IN THE FLAT" (PLATES, ETC.) - 37.01 - OR IN ROLLS -
37.02. THE CURRENT BRAZILIAN TARIFF CONTAINS TWO LINE
ITEMS COVERING THESE POSSIBILITIES:

37.01/011 PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATES AND FILM FOR USE IN
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37.02/0200 FILM IN ROLLS FOR USE IN RADIOGRAPHY

3. THE U.S. SECURED A DUTY-FREE BINDING FROM BRAZIL
ON BOTH CLASSES OF X-RAY FILM DURING ART. XXVIII
NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED IN 1970. THE ZERO RATE WAS
NEVER APPLIED, HOWEVER. WHEN BRAZIL IMPLEMENTED

THE RESULTS OF ART. XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS IN 1975,
BOTH X-RAY ITEMS WERE ON A NEW LIST OF WITHDRAWALS,
AND ARE AMONG THE ITEMS FOR WHICH WE ARE SEEKING
COMPENSATION IN THE CURRENT ART. XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS.

4. THE RATE APPLIED BY BRAZIL TO BOTH TYPES OF X-RAY
FILM IS 9 PERCENT. THIS WAS THE RATE IN EFFECT WHEN
WE NEGOTIATED THE DUTY-FREE BINDING AND HAS NOT BEEN
CHANGED SINCE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ITEMS (FROM THE
BRAZILIAN GATT SCHEDULE) IN 1975.

5. THE U.S. IS NO LONGER PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER OF
EITHER CLASS OF X-RAY FILM ENTERING BRAZIL:

(A) MEXICO (KODAK PRODUCTION) SUPPLIES 40 PERCENT
OF IMPORTS OF X-RAY FILM PLATES, E.G., DOLS 2.3 OUT OF
DOLS 5.8 MILLION IN 1974. BENELUX (SLSO KODAK) WAS SECOND
SUPPLIER (DOLS 1.8 MILLION) IN 1974. IMPORTS FROM THE
U.S. WERE ONLY DOLS 0.3 MILLION IN 1974.

(B) WEST GERMANY (AGFA) IS PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER OF
X-RAY FILM IN ROLLS. IT SUPPLIED DOLS 2.0 MILLION TO
BRAZIL IN 1974, GIVING THEM 56 PERCENT OF THE IMPORT
MARKET. THE U.S. WAS SECOND SUPPLIER (DOLS 1.1
MILLION) THAT YEAR.

6. USING U.S. EXPORT DATA TO DERIVE A ROUGH ESTIMATE
OF UNIT COSTS, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT A QUOTA OF 10
MILLION SQUARE FEET (SEE STANTON CABLE) WOULD PERMIT
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ENTRY OF ABOUT ONE-FOURTH THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS
WHICH ENTERED BRAZIL IN 1974, I.E., A GLOBAL QUOTA
OF ABOUT DOLS 2.5 MILLION FOR 1977.

7. ISAC 21 HAS REQUESTED A 50 PERCENT REDUCTION OF
THE 9 PERCENT RATES ON BOTH TYPES OF X-RAY FILMS.
THE GENERAL CATEGORY "FILM" IS ALSO AMONG THE ITEMS
ON THE ISAC 21 NTB REQUESTS FOR BRAZIL. ISAC 21
GAVE REMOVAL OF THE ALLEGED NTB ON FILM (RESTRICTIVE
LICENSING) A PRIORITY B.

8. OUR TROPICAL PRODUCTS REQUEST OF BRAZIL DID NOT
INCLUDE ANY FILM ITEMS.WALKER

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